Telephones under Super OYT Scheme in Delhi

191. SHRI J.P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are launching a "Super OYT" scheme to reduce the waiting list for telephones in Delhi ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme ;

(c) the number of telephones proposed to be given under the new scheme from various telephone exchanges ;

(d) whether any steps have been taken to replace old worn-out underground cables by better quality cables and

(e) if so what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) and (e) Steps have been taken to replace the life expired underground cabels and those which are un-economical to maintain;

Steps to avoid leakages from Chemical Plants in States

192. SHRI J.P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued instructions to the State Government to take most stringent measures with chemical plants in their respective states and avoid leakages from chemical plants;

(b) if so, what are the details of the instructions issued in this regard ;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed by the Centre in this-regard ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d) The state Government have been advised to spare no effort for ensuring safety in plants based on hazardous processes. This would include appropriate follow up action on the recommendations of the Task Forces/ Expert Groups which they had been earlier requested to set up survey and identify the industrial units manufacturing or dealing with hazardous chamicals; constitute a multi-disciplinary inspection agency which would take care of all the safety aspects of hazards, including environmental considerations and to associate outside experts in such an agency to identifiy the critical areas to be included in the check-list for assisting the regular inspection agencies to make inspection of such units more meaningful and effective; ensure that all hazardous chemical either in bulk storage or in processes in close plants are promptly disposed of by the management.

Target for Chemical Industry

193. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the target for the Sixth Plan for the Chemical Industry could not be achieved ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what is the target for the Seventh Plan ?